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**Committee Bill No. 54**

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED ACCESS TO HOME-BASED  
LONG-TERM CARE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-342a of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available  
4 appropriations, establish and operate a state-funded pilot program to  
5 allow no more than two hundred fifty persons who are sixty-five years  
6 of age or older and meet the eligibility requirements of the Connecticut  
7 home-care program for the elderly established under section 17b-342  
8 to receive personal care assistance provided such services are cost  
9 effective as determined by the Commissioner of Social Services.  
10 Persons who receive personal care assistance services pursuant to the  
11 pilot program established by section 47 of public act 00-2 of the June  
12 special session\* shall be included as participants of the pilot program  
13 established pursuant to this section. Personal care assistance under the  
14 program may be provided by [nonspousal] family members, including  
15 the spouse of the recipient of services under the program.

16 (b) In conducting the pilot program, the commissioner or the  
17 commissioner's agent (1) may require as a condition of participation  
18 that participants in the pilot program disclose if a personal care  
19 assistant is a [nonspousal] family member, (2) shall monitor the  
20 provision of services under the pilot program, and (3) shall ensure the  
21 cost-effectiveness of the pilot program.

22 (c) The commissioner shall establish the maximum allowable rate to  
23 be paid for such services under the pilot program and may set a  
24 separate lower rate for [nonspousal] family members providing  
25 services as personal care assistants in the pilot program if deemed  
26 necessary by the commissioner to ensure cost effectiveness of the pilot  
27 program and to conduct the pilot program within available  
28 appropriations.

29 (d) Not later than January 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Social  
30 Services shall submit a report on the pilot program to the joint  
31 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
32 matters relating to appropriations and human services and to the select  
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
34 relating to aging. The report shall include information on the quality of  
35 services provided under the pilot program and shall be submitted in  
36 accordance with section 11-4a.

37 Sec. 2. Section 17b-605a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
38 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

39 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall seek a waiver from  
40 federal law to establish a personal care assistance program for persons  
41 eighteen years of age or older with disabilities funded under the  
42 Medicaid program. Personal care assistance under the program may be  
43 provided by family members, including the spouse of the recipient of  
44 services under the program. Such a program shall be limited to a  
45 specified number of slots available for eligible program recipients and  
46 shall be operated by the Department of Social Services within available

47 appropriations. [Such a waiver shall be submitted to the joint standing  
 48 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
 49 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and  
 50 human services in accordance with section 17b-8 no later than January  
 51 1, 1996.]

52 (b) [The] Not later than January 1, 2008, the Commissioner of Social  
 53 Services shall amend the waiver specified in subsection (a) of this  
 54 section to [enable persons eligible for or receiving medical assistance  
 55 under section 17b-597 to receive] permit personal care assistance under  
 56 the program to be provided by family members, including the spouse  
 57 of the recipient of services under the program. Such amendment shall  
 58 not be subject to the provisions of section 17b-8. [provided such  
 59 amendment shall consist only of modifications necessary to extend  
 60 personal care assistance to such persons.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	17b-342a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	17b-605a

***Statement of Purpose:***

To increase access to home-based long-term care.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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